

REMARKS

Attached hereto is a Petition and Fee for a One-Month Extension of Time.

Claims 20-25 are pending in the application. This Amendment cancels claims 16 and 17 without prejudice or disclaimer and adds new claims 20-25. No new matter is added to new claims 22-25.

Notwithstanding any claim amendments of the present Amendment or those amendments that may be made later during prosecution, Applicant's intent is to encompass equivalents of all claim elements. Reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that claims 20-25 all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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